

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES

AUGUST 8TH, 2005

Members in Attendance:

Charlene Johnson, Carol Kost, Tim Chesnutt, Veronica Martin, Carlo Arthur, Avik Dayal, Laura Block, Shannon Walker, Ian Khalil, Rachel Gottlieb, Midori Oglesby, Brittany Rose, Gerrell Roddey, Katherine Bauer, Christopher Eder, Michael Shanholtzer, Kelsey Loy, John Marin, Anna Nielsen, Alexa Severo, Jackie Mayne

Guest: Diane Ryburn

Excused: Rachel Dorsey, Courtney White, Andrew Cypher, Alyssa Samuel, Margaret Marshall, Ryan

Ulsh, John Manning, Joseph Lasik

Call to order:

The meeting held at the County Government Center, 1st floor, board room was called to order by Youth Adviser, Charlene Johnson at 6:09 PM on Monday August 8th, 2005.

Introductions:

Attendees introduced themselves and also did an ice breaker.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: The motion was made by Shannon Walker, seconded by Midori Oglesby, and unanimously approved that the minutes of the July 11th, 2005 meeting be accepted.

Name Change Discussion:

Charlene advised the group that ACOY has now been split into two different groups. The Teen Board (Youth Advisory Council- YAC) meets on the 2nd Monday of the month and the Adult Board (Advisory Commission on Youth- ACOY) meets on the 4th Monday of each month. Charlene then turned the floor over to Tim Chesnutt, Youth Initiative Director, who introduced Veronica Martin the new Specialist for the Loudoun Youth Initiative. Tim welcomed Veronica and stated that Veronica's role is to support the youth of Loudoun County by working with the Initiative and Charlene.

Youth Summit Report:

Charlene took 9 representative from the Youth Advisory Committee to Washington DC at the Marriott for the 2005 Youth Summit held on July 27th – July 30th. Over 1,640 youth from all over the country heard speakers and attended workshops. The youth came back with a lot of insight on better skills in leadership, volunteering, youth ventures. Shannon Walker, Brittany Rose and Midori Oglesby used a drawing of a tree as a diagram to help with teen problems. Example: The roots were the causes of the problem (not being active in the community, no after school activities), the result is the tree trunk (GANGS) and the outcomes are the branches (increase in crime, violence). Brittany stated that there were many keynote speakers including: Laura Bush, Alma Powell (Colin Powell's wife) who talked about the American Promise which is every child has an education and a safe place to learn, caring parents, healthy lifestyle and an opportunity in life.

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Nominating Committee Selections:

Charlene stated that the nominating committee will select each one of these positions.

Chair

Co-Chair

Secretary

Parliamentarian

Historian

The historian will be responsible for taking pictures at events and posting them on website. Keeping a timeline of all YAC activities and submitting the final version in May to share with all.

Each Officer will be respected to attend the YAC and ACOY meetings. The nominating committee will consist of 3 members. The nominating committee will present a slate at the September meeting. Shannon Walker is on the nominating committee and we need 2 other volunteers. If you would like to volunteer please call Charlene or email her.

Charlene spoke of what each sub-committee will do.

Sub-Committee Breakouts:

Break-outs returned 7:50pm. Each group identified two co-chairs and gave an explanation of the next step that they will be taking (see attached handout).

Announcements:

September 10th is the Youth Retreat being held at Morvan Park from 8am-8pm.

Adjourned: 8:30 PM

NEXT Meeting: 9/12/05 Government Center 1st Floor Board Room

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Mayne

Jackie Mayne Recording Secretary